

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


In re Application of: §  
                    EOFF ET AL. §     Group Art Unit:   1712  
Serial No.:     10/760,443 §  
Filed:           JANUARY 20, 2004 §     Examiner:           FIGUEROA, JOHN J.  
Title:     "METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR §  
            REDUCING THE PRODUCTION OF §     Atty. Docket No: 2001-IP-005267U1P1  
            WATER AND STIMULATING §  
            HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION FROM A §  
            SUBTERRANEAN FORMATION" §

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**AMENDMENT, RESPONSE AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application;  
(ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35  
U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.